

Amendments to the Specification

In the specification, please replace the second and third paragraphs found after the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" with the following amended and new paragraphs:

Fig. 1 is simplified side, sectional view of an embodiment of an electrophotographic printer of the present invention; ~~and~~

Fig. 2 is a schematic, side view of a portion of the paper transport assembly, fuser assembly including a hot roll and electrical circuit of the EP printer shown in Fig. 1; ~~and~~

Fig 3 is a schematic, side view of a portion of the paper transport assembly, fuser assembly including a heated belt and electrical circuit of an EP printer.

Further in the specification, please replace the second to the last paragraph found in the Detailed Description of the Invention, i.e., two paragraphs prior to the claims, with the following amended paragraph:

Further, in the embodiment shown in the drawings and described above, the fuser assembly includes a hot fuser roll and backup roll. However, it is to be understood that the methodology of the present invention likewise applies to other fuser configurations, such as those including a heated backup roll, belts, etc. In the case of a driven backup roll, it is the rotational speed of the backup roll that is controlled. In the case of a belt fuser with a ceramic heater for heating the belt and an unheated, driven backup roll, the backup roll can increase in effective diameter up to approximately 2.5% over an operating temperature range of the fuser; and in one embodiment up to approximately 1.2% over an operating temperature range of the fuser. In Fig. 3, where like reference numerals indicate like elements, a driven heated belt 34a is provided in place of the driven hot fuser roll 34 in Fig. 2.